Recruitment rules in respect of ISM and Homoeopathic Doctors

6397. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2848 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the latest position with regard to the finalisation of the recruitment rules in respect of doctors of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathic under CGHS; and

(b) by when these recruitment rules would come into force?

THE MINISTE OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Recruitment Rules in respect of all doctors of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy under C.G.H.S. have since been received from the Union Public Service Commission and the same will be notified after beign vetted by the Ministry of Law & Justice. The rules will come into force from the date, the same are published in the Official Gazette.

Setting up of separate Directorate for ISM under CGHS

6398. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a separate Directorate for the Indian System of Medicine under C.G.H.S.;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the said Directorate is likely to start functioning in a full fledged manner?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) A separate Department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy has already been set up in this Ministry and is functioning for the promotion and development of Indian Systems of Medicine.

Use of artificial colouring agents on Vegetables

6399. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that artificial colouring agents applied on vegetables to make them appear fresh and green caused cancer;

(b) if so, whether Goverment will prohibit the use of such colouring agents; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Application of any extraneous colouring agents to vegetables is already prohibited under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995.

Letters written by MPs

6400. MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.